Rama Varmha Tampuran.— The Standing Order is to the effect that when there is a vacancy it should be filled up very carefully so that it should be borne in mind that this will be a qualification in his favour.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether in the appointment of Mr. Karunakaran Nayar this standing order was strictly adhered to?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Standing Order was in force then.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— Whether the Standing Order was strictly adhered to, that is the question.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not think any further answer is necessary. When an order is in force, naturally it is always adhered to.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— Why not we get a straight answer to a straight question?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That Standing Order was in force and it has been obeyed in filling up this vacancy.

Legislative Council Questions — Makaram Session.

377. Mr. Popatlal Govardhan Lalan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of questions recieved from the members for the attention of the Government during the last Makaram Session;

(b) the number disallowed;

(c) the number actually put for ballot;

(d) for the information of the House will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list of the questions received in time by them and allowed but for which no answers were received from the Heads of Departments?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.— (a) 124.

(b) 10 were disallowed and two were returned to the members concerned for resubmission after amendment.

(c) Questions are not balloted.

(d) 44 questions were left unanswered. Copies of them are placed on the table.

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378. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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